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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER HUERTA'S TRIP TO U.S.

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1. THIS AFTERNOON RICARDO CLARO CAME BY PRIVATELY ON BEHALF OF FONMIN HUERTA. HIS MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO SAY THAT HUERTA WOULD LIKE TO COME TO WASHINGTON AFTER HIS UNGA SPEECH OCT 8 AND MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. BEST TIME FOR HUERTA WOULD BE OCT. 11 OR MORNING OCT. 12. WHILE HUERTA'S DESIRE TO MEET THE SECRETARY IS VERY STRONG, HE UNDERSTANDS THAT OUR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS SITUATION MIGHT AFFECT THE SECRETARY'S DESIRE TO HAVE A PERSONAL MEETING AT THIS TIME. FOR THIS REASON HUERTA MADE INFORMAL SOUNDINGS THROUGH CLARO. HUERTA FEELS THAT IF HE CANNOT SEE THE SECRETARY, HE SHOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO CHILE DIRECTLY FROM NEW YORK. IF HE COMES TO WASHINGTON TO MEET DR. KISSINGER, HOWEVER, HE WOULD ALSO BE HAPPY TO MEET ONE OR TWO OTHER KEY PEOPLE IF WE THINK THIS WOULD BE USEFUL.

2. CLARO GAVE ME HUERTA'S FULL SCHEDULE, INsofar AS IT HAS BEEN WORKED OUT. THIS GIVE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AN INDICATION OF TIMES HUERTA AVAILABLE - AND WILL IN ANY EVENT BE OF INTEREST. WHILE HUERTA WOULD BE WILLING TO COME TO WASHINGTON BEFORE HIS UNGA SPEECH ON OCT. 8, I AM NOT SURE IT WOULD BE IN EITHER THEIR OR OUR INTEREST TO HAVE HIM DO SO.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK THURS., OCT. 4 AT 9:35 P.M.; FRIDAY,
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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - FREE EXCEPT FOR TENTATIVE PRIVATE MEETING WITH GORDON MURPHY OF CERRO AND SPEECH PREPARATIONS;

MON., OCT. 8, 10:30 A.M. SPEECH BEFORE UNGA (CHILEANS ARE

HOLDING REMAINDER OF DAY IN CASE SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES
PRODUCE A DELAY IN THE TIMING OF THE SPEECH);

TUES., OCT. 9, 9:30 A.M. HUERTA PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN HEAD-
QUARTERS;

11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. PRIVATE MEETING AND LUNCH
WITH BUSINESS LEADERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS;

WED., OCT. 10, 10:00 A.M. (POSSIBLY LASTING THROUGH LUNCH)
MEETING WITH TEN PROMINENT NEW YORK BANKERS AT THE FEDERAL
RESERVE BUILDING.

TRIP TO WASHINGTON COULD BE TAKEN ANY TIME AFTER THAT MEETING.
HUERTA HOPES TO RETURN TO CHILE DIRECTLY FROM WASHINGTON
TALKS. TENTATIVELY HE IS THINKING OF A LUFTANSA FLIGHT WHICH LEAVES
WASHINGTON AT MIDDAY ON FRIDAY, OCT. 12. HE WOULD OF COURSE
STAY OVER IF THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE MADE A SLIGHT FURTHER
DELAY NECESSARY.

3. CLARO ALSO DISCUSSED HUERTA'S AND HIS OWN THOUGHTS ABOUT
COPPER (SEPTIL).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AS HUERTA'S PLANS HINGE
ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY,
A QUICK INDICATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES IN THIS REGARD WOULD
BE MOST HELPFUL.

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